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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

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1. **Mr. Carnelos** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the European Union, and supported by Mr. Keiswetter (United States of America), proposed that the Committee should defer the adoption of decisions on all the draft resolutions for two hours in the hope that improvements might be made to the whole package of draft resolutions.

2. **Ms. Abdelhady-Nasser** (Observer for Palestine) supported the proposal.

3. **Mr. Musonda** (Zambia) said that it might be more sensible to postpone the meeting until the following day.

4. **Mr. Carnelos** (Italy) said that he would be willing to postpone the meeting until 3 p.m.

5. **Mr. Mekdad** (Syrian Arab Republic) said that it was time for the Committee to conclude its consideration of the issues and to proceed to the adoption of decisions at the current meeting, no later than noon.

6. **The Chairman** said, that he had been informed by the Secretariat that it would be possible to hold a meeting in the afternoon. He took it that the Committee found that acceptable.

7. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 10.35 a.m.